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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1711**

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 203924
Client Reference No. 20721-RCE-RCE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kodama et al.

Application No. 09/502,834

Filed: February 11, 2000

For: POLYBENZAZOLE ARTICLE AND
PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

Art Unit: 1711

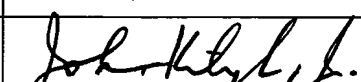
Examiner: D. Truong

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.10			
I hereby certify that this Response to Office Action and all accompanying documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on April 21, 2004, in an envelope as "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" service under 37 CFR 1.10, Mailing Label Number EV 329749822 US, addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.			
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Signature		Date	April 21, 2004



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

- ☐ Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Petition for an extension of time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.
- ☐ Other:
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the total amount indicated below. A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed herewith.

					SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
TIME EXTENSION PETITION FEE			none		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00		
		subtract time extension fee previously paid		none	(\$ 0.00)		(\$ 0.00)		
CLAIM FEE		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDIT. CLAIM FEE	RATE	ADDIT. CLAIM FEE
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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216.
- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,
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